

The evangelical minister, a native of the San Diego area, began his advocacy work as the U.S. director of Christian Solidarity International, which in the 1980s focused on persecution under communism. In 1995, he founded International Christian Concern to extend the work to Islamic countries.

The Silver Spring resident and father of four was acknowledged yesterday as a pioneer voice on the topic of Christian persecution when it was not high on Washington's human rights agenda.

Mr. Snyder also took risks to penetrate such countries as Sudan, Vietnam, Cuba, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, China and Pakistan to bring out accurate information, documents and video footage of underground churches or persecuted minorities.

"He was a faithful servant of people persecuted for their faith," said U.S. Ambassador at Large for Religious Liberty John V. Hanford III, who had met and worked with Mr. Snyder in 1985. "He stayed with it despite the constant discouragement that comes with human rights work."

"Steven labored in this vineyard long before the movement against persecution captured the imagination of evangelicals," said the Rev. Richard Cizik, Washington director of the National Association of Evangelicals. "What a faithful friend he was of the persecuted."

Friends and human-rights workers who knew Mr. Snyder noted his on-the-ground work, desire to highlight those who suffered rather than himself, and a kind of perpetual sad look in his eyes from seeing such grim events abroad—and so little interest at home.

"When not many people cared about this issue, he worked at it faithfully and strenuously," said Paul Marshall, a scholar of religion with Freedom House. "He didn't just report, he went to dangerous places. He did his research with his boots on."

Dr. David Harding, a family physician who is on the six-member board of International Christian Concern, traveled to Indonesia with Mr. Snyder in November to provide medical aid to Christians being persecuted by Muslims on the island of Sulawesi.

"Steven is going to be very difficult to replace," Dr. Harding said. "He made every effort to get the facts right, and he had a way of finding all the right people and getting at the truth of a situation."

Pat Bradley, a St. Louis businessman who first met Mr. Snyder in 1999, recalls their two-week fact-finding trip to Sudan in February 2000.

"For two days we drove into the south from Uganda on what we thought was the bumpiest road in the world, until we got to Sudan's roads," Mr. Bradley said. "Between us we had seen bad places, but by far this was the worst."

It was 105-degree bush country, he said. "These people had literally nothing. No food or clothing. They were victims of a scorched-earth policy, and some were tortured."

On return from Sudan in 2000, Mr. Snyder drafted a detailed report for Capitol Hill and the State Department, and made it available to news organizations.

During a trip to China in 1999, Mr. Snyder brought in Bibles and met with leaders of the underground church. Some of the people who went to hear his presentations remember the vivid images and footage he brought back of nighttime river baptisms.

Staff at the State Department yesterday also took the news with sorrow. One staffer asked a reporter whether Mr. Snyder had worked at State because everybody knew him.

"Steve was a foot soldier for religious freedom," said Tom Phar, director of international religious liberty at the State De-

partment. "He traveled the world working on behalf of people being persecuted for their faith. He was an effective advocate and a good friend."

On Monday afternoon, Mr. Snyder was rushed to the Holy Cross Hospital emergency room with a high fever, and friends recall that because the diagnosis was severe he asked them to "pray for a miracle." He died about 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Snyder lost his spleen in an operation six years ago, and doctors said that weakened his ability to fight the infection, which rapidly taxed his entire system.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Snyder of Silver Spring, and four children: Sarah de Vuyst of Ukraine; Lori Slaubaugh of Rollin, N.D.; Joshua Snyder of Boulder, Colo.; and Sean, 16.

Visitations may be made tomorrow from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at Collins Funeral Home at 500 University Blvd. W. in Silver Spring. A funeral service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel's Church at 16819 New Hampshire Ave. in Silver Spring.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations "to help the persecuted church" be sent to International Christian Concern, 2020 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Box 941, Washington, DC 20006-1846.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING ANITA ADAMS

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Anita Adams, Auditor of Muskingum County, has for the tenth straight year, earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting; and,

Whereas, this award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) is an honor given to local governments that publish comprehensive financial reports meeting the standards on the GFOA; and,

Whereas, Anita has shown continuous dedication to the people of Muskingum County;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in applauding Anita Adams for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

IN RECOGNITION OF FAIRLAWN REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital in my hometown of Worcester, Massachusetts. In 1987, Fairlawn served as a small acute community hospital. However, over a period of time it has evolved into the first facility in the United States to fully convert into a rehabilitation provider. Currently, an average of 100 inpatients and 100 outpatients are treated everyday to help people reach their fullest potential to make for a joyful and productive life.

Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital is in joint collaboration with the Fallon Clinic, UMASS

Memorial Health Center, and HEALTHSOUTH Corporation. Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital specializes in many rehab programs: brain injury, orthopedics, geriatrics, stroke, spinal cord injury, pulmonary, amputee, neurological cardiac, and burns are included. The incredible care and dedication to the patients' of Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital is to be commended.

Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 19, 2002, Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital celebrates its Fifteenth Anniversary. It is fitting that this facility is recognized for its efforts in improving the lives of people with disabilities in Central Massachusetts. I am confident that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in thanking the employees of Fairlawn Rehabilitation Hospital for their dedication and service to the people of Central Massachusetts.

IN MEMORY OF ADEL A. ZAKHARY

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Adel A. Zakhary, a friend and neighbor to many, who lost his life in the World Trade Center tragedy on September 11, 2001. A memorial service took place in his honor on Saturday, September 14, 2002, at Saint George Catholic Orthodox Church in Jersey City.

An immigrant from Egypt, Adel lived the American dream, making America his home with his wife, Nagat, son, George, and daughter, Mariam. He was dedicated and tireless in his work, and in providing for his family. On September 11, he went to work on the 92nd floor of Tower One of the World Trade Center, as he had done for 18 years.

In one of the most unforgivable acts against humanity, over three thousand people were lost at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the fields of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on September 11, 2001. Adel was among those individuals who were tragically lost. The horrific attacks have strengthened us in our resolve to fight evil and intolerance in pursuit of freedom, justice, and democracy.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembering Adel A. Zakhary, a loving husband and father, who will never be forgotten. Let us join together not only to grieve this tremendous loss, but also to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments in his life. I extend my deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Adel.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2002: TRIBUTE TO
FREEDOM

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the United States of America is founded on the fundamental principle that all citizens have the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The United States of America stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity for everyone regardless of race, creed or religious belief.

The strength and vitality of the United States of America is in the diversity of its people, the diversity of its ideas, the freedom to express those ideas and the opportunity to achieve one's potential and direct one's destiny.

Mr. Speaker, these ideals and principles are absolute and will not be surrendered or weakened by the cowardly acts of terrorists who fear the sunshine of freedom and the responsibility it brings.

Let us forever remember that the date September 11 reaffirms the principles for which the United States of America was founded and that on this day each year freedom shall ring from every community in this great land and the Voice of America will be heard around the world.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR.
AND MRS. DILLON**

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon were united in marriage July 31, 1977 and are celebrating 25 years of marriage this year; and

Whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon have demonstrated a firm commitment to each other; and

Whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon must be commended for their loyalty and dedication to their family; and

Whereas, Matt and Joy Dillon have proven, by their example, to be a model for all married couples; and

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Dillon as they celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary.

**HONORING MARTHA EZELL
"MAMA" TUNE FOR A LIFETIME
OF ACHIEVEMENT**

HON. BOB CLEMENT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. CLEMENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Martha Ezell Tune, "Mama Tune," of Antioch, Tennessee, for a lifetime of devotion to family, faith, and community.

Mama Tune's contributions to Davidson County, and particularly, the Antioch area, have impacted many. Whether it be her involvement and leadership in civic matters, cooking meals for family and friends, working the polls on election day, writing a history of the Antioch community, or substitute teaching at Antioch High School, Mama Tune is an individual who is an inspiration to us all.

A Tennessee native, Mama Tune graduated from Antioch High School in 1941, alongside her brother, James. That same year she married James Tune. The two enjoyed 50 years together and had two children, Buford and Sam, and three grandchildren. Mama Tune's sons are successful Middle Tennessee business owners.

Tune received her education from Middle Tennessee Teacher's College and the Univer-

sity of Alabama. She taught at Una Elementary School for several years. She has been teaching in the Metropolitan Davidson County School System as a teacher or substitute teacher for fifty years and currently substitutes at Antioch High School on a regular basis. Many times she teaches students whose parents she once taught in school. Her profound influence for the good has shaped many lives over the years.

Mama Tune often touts the accomplishments of the students she taught at Antioch. She pours more than knowledge into their lives: she pours love and they do not ever forget it.

The Clement family has known and appreciated the friendship of the Tune and Ezell families for a number of years. In particular, we have enjoyed many conversations and meals at their home, including such southern delicacies as homemade chocolate pie, cornbread, green beans, fried chicken, and macaroni and cheese. Mama Tune is well known for her cooking and included a number of her best-loved recipes in the book, "All I Know About Antioch High School, The Town, and My Life."

Individuals like Mama Tune are those who make this nation great—individuals who are willing to give of themselves and their time for the betterment of the state and the community through acts of kindness and love. Today we honor her for a lifetime of achievement.

**EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE ANNIVERSARY
OF TERRORIST ATTACKS
LAUNCHED AGAINST THE
UNITED STATES ON SEPTEMBER
11, 2001**

SPEECH OF

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this Joint Resolution and in doing so, I stand in solemn remembrance of the tragic events of a year ago and a pride in America's response.

While the loss of life was immense, and the impact of the terrorist attacks was felt far from New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, the terrorists failed. The group of men, and the larger organization they represented, wanted to break the will of a proud and strong country. The world stands in witness to their failure.

Instead of falling apart, our country united. Our brave first responders worked tirelessly to help survivors; we saw ordinary citizens involved in heroic efforts; and all across the country Americans joined together to offer assistance.

The outpouring of support and unity could be seen in every flag that was flown with pride across this country. The United States of America rose to the challenge presented to it with a resolve that was felt around the world.

Now, on our first Patriot Day, when we see our flag at half-mast, let us not only remember the tragic events of a year ago, but also the strength exhibited by all Americans. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution, expressing solidarity on this day of remembrance.

**PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR
SENIORS**

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 17, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of millions of seniors across our nation who are forced to choose between buying their food, paying their rent, or purchasing their medicine. For too many seniors, this is truly a life or death situation that none of them should have to face.

Unfortunately, this Congress is just weeks away from adjourning for the session and we are still no closer to enacting a Medicare prescription drug benefit.

Over two months ago, we had an opportunity to debate and vote on a bill that would provide a meaningful prescription drug benefit under the Medicare program. The "Medicare Rx Drug Benefit and Discount Act (H.R. 5019)" would add a new "Part D" to the Medicare program with voluntary prescription drug coverage for any senior that chooses to enroll. Participating seniors would pay a set \$25 per month premium and a \$100 a year deductible. In return, Medicare would cover 80% of all drug costs up to \$2,000 a year. Once a senior reached the \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit, Medicare would then pay for all drug costs beyond that point.

The House leadership refused to allow this bill on the floor. Instead, in the dead of night, while our nation's seniors were fast asleep, a majority in the House passed a bill that might as well have been written by the pharmaceutical industry. No substitute was allowed and no amendments could be offered. There was nothing even remotely bipartisan about that evening.

The bill that passed at 2:30 a.m. on June 28 does not establish a prescription drug plan under Medicare. Instead, it relies on private insurers who are free to design their own plans, charge their own prices, decide which drugs to cover, and tell our seniors what pharmacies they may use. It does nothing to bring down rising drug costs nor does it address the issue of reimportation. Most importantly, the House leadership knows this bill has no chance of passing the Senate. It was a political gesture, not a policy priority.

Where does this leave our nations seniors? They are still being forced to choose between food, shelter, and their medicine. They are still paying exorbitant prices for the same medications that are available in Canada and overseas for a fraction of the cost. They are still waiting for this House to act in a responsible manner.

My House colleagues on both sides of the aisle, we still have time—it is not too late. Let's work together in a bipartisan manner to meet our parties' respective promises to the American people and provide meaningful prescription drug benefits. Together we can bring hope and relief to our nation's seniors and pass a real Medicare prescription drug plan before this Congress adjourns.